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FOREWORD

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This is the first attempt of a Homemakers' Club in Owen county to publish a history of the community. The result, in brief, you will read on these pages of "Echoes From Lusby's Mill and Vicinity," coming to you without apologies. Also, we desire to thank each one who has been so helpful with information concerning early families and other facts for the compilation of these articles, and those who so graciously lent the pictures for use in the book.

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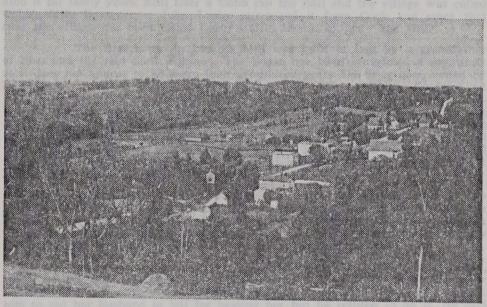
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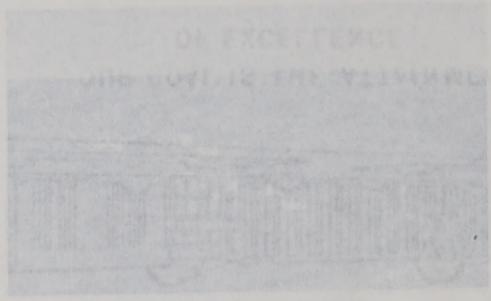
BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF LUSBY'S MILL
(By Mrs. Oren Cobb)

About 150 years ago the place now known as Lusby Mill community was a virgin forest untouched by civilization. Giant oak, walnut, poplar and cherry trees grew on the hills and sycamore and willows crowded the valleys down to the clear cool water of Eagle Creek, which seldom flooded because the deep coarse soil of the forest absorbed most of the rainfall while springs and small streams fed the creek. Many schools of choice fish swam the stream, deers raced through the woods, and there were plenty of wild turkeys and small game. Eagles built their nests high above the stream of the same name and found an abundance of food for their young. The sounds in the wilderness would cause the average person to trimble with fear. There were the cries of wild animals, hooting of the owls, the screams of foxes, the jabber of the Indians who hunted for food or perhaps the chant of the Indian war dance, and the squeaking of the trees as they bent in the wind. But, there must have been some pleasanter sounds of the songs of the birds and the gurgling of water over the mossy rocky shoals.

It has been a very long time since the Indians, perhaps the Miamis and the Shawnee, used this territory but according to the accounts of the oldest white residents there was an Indian camp near Breck, and two Indian burying grounds; one is located on the R. N. Greene farm and the other about two miles down Eagle Creek near the Holiday ford. There is evidence that Indians roamed the entire section as most every farmer has plowed up flint rocks. A tommy hawk was found on the Julian Stamper farm and another one on the R. N. Greene farm. Bits of colorful pottery have also been picked up by local people. Simon Girdy, a renegade, and Black Kettle used the Indian trails along Eagle Creek when they attacked Ruddles Fort (old Georgetown). The first white settlers were four families from South Carolina who took up 100 acre claims in the year of 1795. They settled near a big spring on the banks of Eagle Creek, now owned by Lewis Mason and located back of the Mussel Shoals Church. The families were Samuel Cobb, a Clifton, Perkins and an Osborne. Samuel Cobb fought in the Revolutionary War and his wife and two daughters were scalped by the Indians in South Carolina. However, he married again in Charlestown, South Carolina, and brought his wife and seven children with him to the new settlement. A short time later the eighth child was born, named Assac, and it is believed that he was the first white child born in Owen County.

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Negro from Virginia was the first man to work at the mill but Billy Lusby operated it for many years. Still later a Cobb ran the mill and the village was called Cobb's Mill. Hewever, a John Lusby purchased it from Cobb and since that time the village has been called Lusby's Mill. Lusby, or just 'The Mill.'

The first house in Lusby's Mill. Lusby, or just 'The Mill.'

The first house in Lusby's Mill was built of logs by a grandfather of Ross and the late Sonk Kinmon. The house has been remodeled many times so it does not appear to be more thon a hundred years old. It is now owned by R. H. Cobb. Another of the very old houses was built by Carter Kinmon and Jow its outline. According to legend it got its name during the Civil War. It seems that small boats traveled up and down the creek at night and often tied up to the porch to deliver supplies. However, we do not know that it was used as a dwelling house and at one time served as a school house before the school was built on the hill. Miss. Monn Sidebottom attended school in the 'Gunboot House' while Miss Idia Brissey was teacher.

Lusby's Mill was incorporated. The town limits extended from the place where Rance Plunkett's Store now stands to the top of the hill on the Sweet Owen and Lusby's Mill read and to the top of the hill on the Sweet Owen and Lusby's Mill read and to the top of the hill on the Sweet Owen and Lusby's Mill read and to the top of the hill on the Sweet Owen and Jun Reed. They held court in the blacksmith's shorp near the mill. One day when Asa Cobb was squire as own accused the cores.

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Few newspapers were received at Lusby's Mill and consequently when the Civil War started hardly anybody knew what it was all about save some shouting about statest rights. In 1801 Brig. General Humphrey Marshall should be considered to the collection of the collec

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the soil and maintenance of real community homes.

The scene has changed so much within the 150 years that we hardly dare dream of what the future will bring, although most of us remember Lusby's Mill as it was before highway 330 and the new concrete bridge "marred" its natural charm. The best view of the little village was at the elbow turn in the Elk Ridge road at the top of the hill above the iron bridge. I have often stopped at the spot when the eastern horizon was still rosy and watched the gray mist vanish from the valley while coils of smoke rose from the chimneys of the white houses surrounded by dewey carpets of green on both sides of the wide, straight street. I have watched the farmers do their morning chores, the women feed their flocks of hens, while children ran, with books and lunches, to get on the school bus. The bus rattled over the plank floor of the bridge and roared as it cautiously pulled up the hill and the elbow turn near the bridge. Dogs could often be heard while chasing rabbits through the cornfields along rows that followed the contour of the creek. The view of this neat little village nestled in the horseshoe bend of Eagle Creek was enough to give anybody a sense of peace and security.

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Then, as I sauntered down the hill, my eyes feasted on the beauty of God's creation. Huge old trees on either side of the narrow road overlapped branches, making a high green arch from the top to the bottom. The foliage was so thick that the sun filtered through in small patches only in the middle of the day. Wild flowers bloomed in the coarse black soil along the road. I have stood on the old bridge gazing at the rippling water, the limber willow limbs dancing in the breeze, and have watched the birds swoop down to get sips of water while in constant roar it poured over the remainder of the old mill dam.

I believe the author of the song, "The Old Mill Stream", must have received his inspiration in a similar setting, but doubt if I shall ever view a place which will favorably compare with my fond memories of Lusby's Mill.



An exile from home, splendor dazzles in vain;
O, give me my lowly thatched cottage again!
The birds singing gayly, that came at my call—
Give me them,—and the peace of mind, dearer than all!
Let others delight 'mid new pleasures to roam,
But give me, oh, give me the pleasures of home!
—"Heme, Sweet Home", By John Howard Payne



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DR. W. K. JONES' HOME

William Kavanaugh Jones, son of Alexander and Annie Zeizing Jones, was born on a farm near New Columbus, Kentucky, February fourth, 1871.

Dr. Jones graduated from Louisville Medical College in 1897. That same year he opened an office in Lusby and took up his residence there in the home of the late Mrs. Fannie Acree. The following year he married Miss Bertie Cobb. There were two children born to this union.

Twenty-two years later he and his family moved to Wilmore, Kentucky where he continued the practice of medicine until the last months before

his death, November 10th, 1943.

He was the first physician in Owen County to use anti-toxin for the cure of diphtheria. His patients were always his greatest concern. The night was never too stormy or too cold for him to arise and make a call. He spent his life in loving service to mankind. Dr. Jones was one of the last of the old-time country physicians.

Dr. Marvin Ransdell was born in Owen, the son of Simon B. and Laura Spicer Ransdell. He married Lucy Johnson in 1917 and to this union two daughters were born. He completed medical college in Louisville in June, 1919 and



the following September 10cated with his family at Lusby's Mill where he remained the faithful village doctor until 1928. The family then moved to Prestonsburg, Kentucky and in 1929 Dr. Ransdell became Health Officer for Floyd county, which position he holds at

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Officials - Past And Present

(By Mrs. Orville Jones)

Lusby's Mill has had its share of honors when it comes to native sons who have held public office in our county. O. C. Hammon was sheriff of Owen county many years ago but we were unable to find exact dates. In 1859 we find Ben Sidebottom as high sheriff. Jesse Holbrook was elected county



JUDGE JESSE HOLBROOK (deceased)



P. A. ALEXANDER (deceased)



J. P. SIDEBOTTOM



R. G. HOLBROOK

judge in 1866. P. A. Alexander was deputy sheriff in 1900. In 1910 we find J. P. (Boy) Sidebottom elected the high sheriff as was his father more than 50 years ago. The records show R. G. (Ran) Holbrook the county clerk from

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Officials — Past And Present (Cont.)

1918-1922 and in the years 1932-38 he served as high sheriff of the county. B. R. Mason was elected circuit clerk in 1916 and served two terms.

At the present time we have Kepple Roland the elected county clerk with Harold Hughes serving as deputy clerk. Kepple attended High school



BUFORD MASON



HAROLD HUGHES



KEPPLE ROLAND



DENZIL WORKS

at Lusby three years, transferring to New Columbus where he graduated, and Hughes graduated at Lusby Central in the class of 1930. Denzil Works is Owen's deputy sheriff at the present time, having served about midway of his second term

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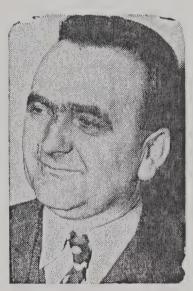
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Officials — Past And Present (Cont.)

Howard C. Smith, a native of Breck which is in Lusby voting precinct, is the present county school superintendent. He was appointed to the position soon after his return from overseas in the Second World War. Howard was a member of the last graduating class at Lusby Central in 1934.



HOWARD C. SMITH



PAUL SIDEBOTTOM (deceased)

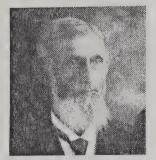
Last but not least in the realm of public service was Paul Sidebottom, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Sidebottom who served as State Senator from 1928-32. He was elected Representative in 1934 but passed away before completing this term of office.

Early Preachers At Mussel Shoals, Lusby Baptist



REV. HOLBROOK

With exception of his last three or four years, Rev. Henry Holbrook lived on the same farm at Lusby's Mill all his life. He passed away in January, 1929 after a long series of pastorates, 13 years of which were spent at Elk Lick church. This beloved pastor at Mussel Shoals and Lusby Baptist churches had many friends and is remembered by all as a "good man." One little girl, (now in her adult years), testi-



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REV. WALDROP

fied that she loved "Cousin Henry" better than anybody in the world.

Rev. John W. Waldrop, born in 1835 in Virginia, was first a member of Long Ridge church, 1853; later, he lived in the neighborhood of Pleasant Ridge Baptist and he was one of the first pastors at Lusby after the church was built more than 50 years ago. Bro. Waldrop lived and labored for his home people and it is said he preached more funerals than any other preacher in Northern Kentucky. He is mentioned in J. H. Spencer's "History of Kentucky Baptists" by the author of same as, "among many kind friends who have generously aided" with information for the volumes. He died Sept. 8, 1915 and is buried in the Smith burying ground at Breck.

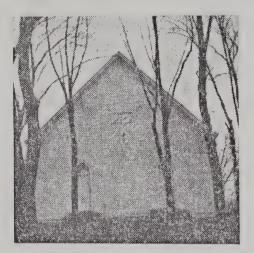
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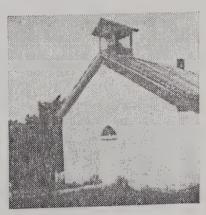


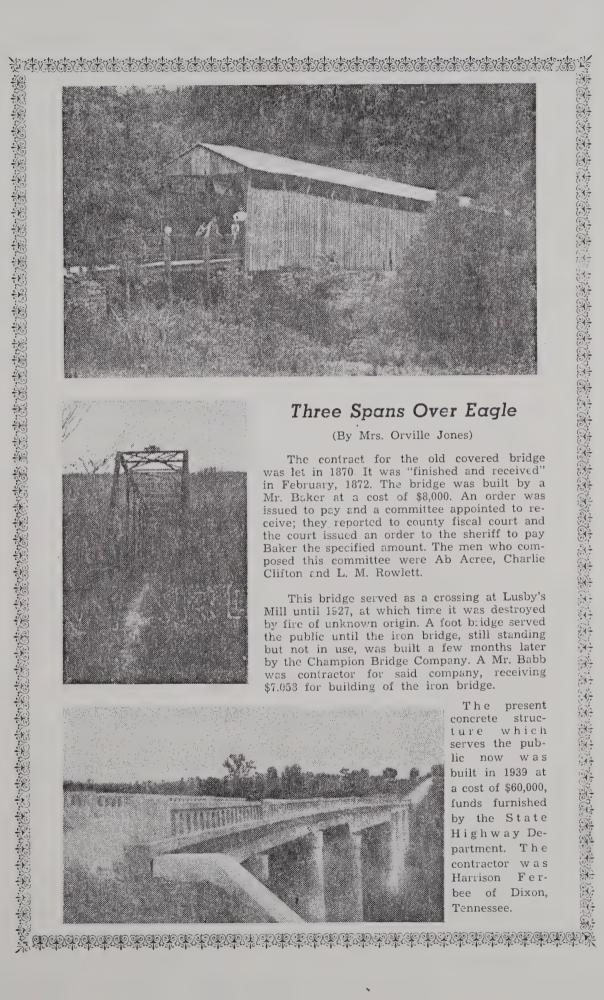




LUSBY BAPTIST

John Resse was among the early settlers on Engle Creek and is supposed to have gathered Mt. Island church on the Eastern border of what is now Owen county as early as 1802. Benjamin Lambert succeeded John Reese as paster of Mt. Island church as early as 1813. About this time he also established a preaching place near Muscel Shoals on Eagle Creek. Here he gathered a church, constituted with the aid of John Scott and John Sc









Education Progresses At The Mill

(By Mrs. Orville Jones)

In commencing a history of the schools in Lusby community, we quote from an article by John S. Forsee who has given many facts of interest concerning early educational facilities there.

"In 1867 the school at Lusby's Mill was a log structure, heated by a wood-burning stove and fitted with puncheon seats. These seats were usually so high that the feet of the smaller children did not reach the floor and they found the seats extremely timing and uncomfortable. Along one side of the room of the seats extremely timing and uncomfortable. Along one side of the room of the seats extremely timing and uncomfortable. Along one side of the room of the seats of the seats were usually so high that the feet of the smaller children did not reach the Building, Directly beneath this window was the desk of those students who practiced penmanship. Each pupil must have a slate and pencil and if his ability warranted he might also have a "blue-back" speller, a reader, a history and a geography. Copies in flowing and shaded styles were "set" at the top of the page of a copy book by the teacher and copied beneath by the pupil. There were no language texts. Any attempt at grades or grading was not followed. The school day began as soon set fixed light in the audiling for them to pursue their work. Many of them walked tiwe or six miles a diey to and from school which is very much in contrast to our modern school where they ride to school on a bus, sarriving there at 8:30 a.m. and leaving at 3:10 p. m. promptly. The school term was three months and the teacher's salary was about \$25 per month."

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**Of course, es civilization progressed our school at The Mill did too, and the old log building was replaced by a nine frame one-room school building dispensed with in the year 1925. The present Lusby Central concrete building took its place. This building was built on land given by Bill Smith and Link darder in September with the following teachers:

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Lusby Central School

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The One-Room Schools of Yesteryear, Now Consolidated at Lusby Central

The old schoolhouse is gone these many years,
In memory alone we raise the latch,
And enter once again with those we loved,
On Friday when we had a spelling match.
—Rena Lusby Yancey



Holbrook School



Fortner School



Lusby Central School



Lusby One-Room School



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Hammond School



Families and Early Settlers

Sidebottom Family History Reveals Lore Of Civil War Days

(Received thru the courtesy of Mrs. A. J. (Mariam Sidebottom) Houchens, and Mrs. F. D. (Inez Cobb) Hutcheson.)

To begin at the beginning: Back in 1929 there appeared an article in the newspapers (unfortunately, none of us seems to have a clipping of the article) stating that in the old State House in Columbus, Ohio was found in the basement among a lot of rubbish and rubble an old mail bag containing letters written during the Civil War, and never delivered to the addressees. The names of the persons to whom the letters were addressed were given, and the request was made that the nearest of kin communicate with the Daughters of the Confederacy for the possession of the letters. One of the letters was from my grandmother, Mariam Sidebottom (Papa's mother) to her husband, Ben or B. F. There were four claimants to the letter, as the following letter will relate, but it was sent to Aunt Mary, who was the only surviving daughter. Aunt Mary passed away in 1937, but her daughter, Inez, still has the letter, of course.

I should mention that at the time Grandma wrote the letter, in 1862, neither Aunt Mary, Uncle Boy or Papa had been born. The baby who had not been named was Uucle Paddy, I think, long since dead. Uncle Frank you will remember. Papa was born on September 30, 1869, and Ben, his father, who should have had this letter, but never did get it, died in 1870. Grandma died in March, 1919 and is buried in the Sidebottom family lot of the Owenton IOOF cemetery.

P. S. I failed to state that my grandfather was the sheriff of Owen County at the time, and was evidently thrown into prison by the Union men just because he was a man in authority in the county. At least that is what we suppose. Nobody knows exactly, nor do we know how long he had to stay.

(Mrs. Houchens' parents, referred to by her in the above are Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Sidebottom of Owenton.)

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

October 26, 1929

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Mrs. Mary S. Cobb, 210 Crescent Court, Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Cobb:-

Your letter requesting the letter written by Mollie Sidebottom to her husband, B. F. Sidebottom was received some time ago. Not only was your letter received asking for the letter, but three other claimants have written: J. P. Sidebottom, Owenton, Ky., W. R. Cobb, Louisville, Ky., and P. L. Sidebottom, Williamstown, Ky., a son, and two grandsons.

I have been debating in my mind just which one I should send the letter to, either the son or daughter, the grandsons are eliminated, when there is a son or daughter making claim for a letter. As you say that you are the only living daughter of Mollie and Ben Sidcbottom, and as a general thing a woman treasures things of this nature more than a man I am going to send the letter to you, and hope that you will share it with the other members of the family. I know that you will treasure the letter, as it is a lovely letter and anyone should be proud of. I trust I have made the right choice.

Will it be too much to ask you to notify the other members of the family that the letter has been placed in your hands, as I have so many letters to write. I will write to them eventually, but in the meantime, I do not want them to be expecting it. It gives me the greatest pleasure to send this letter to you.

Cordially, Mrs. Albert Sidney Porter President, Ohio Division, U. D. C.

Families and Early Settlers (cont.)

Owenton, May 30, 1862

I received your kind letter and knowing you are so anxious to hear from home as I was from you, I hastened to answer it. I should have written kefore, only I expected you home every day, being assured by the Union men of Owenton that you would be released, and not dreaming that you had gone further from me. When oh! when will I see you, it appears like two months, instead of two weeks had gone. I was so glad to hear you were well, the children are all well. Minnie soys to tell her pops she wants him to come home. Frank was saleep when you left, and slept until rack morning, when he awoke, the work of the pops of the pops of the pops of the while, I hope. It will surely be the happiest day of my life, when we meet again. God grant it may not be long. You were uneasy when you left for fear the children would eatch the sore throat from Mrs. Fosters, but they have had no sign of it as yet. Molle Foster died the some evening you left, they carried her on Sunday to Greenup, and none of the family have as yet returned, owing to severally the solution of the solutio

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ward moved to Lexington.

In the next generation which would be the fourth, there are 18 living persons; in the fifth, 33, and in the sixth, 6. James Robert (Bobby) Greene, grandson of J. P. and Ollie Kinmon Sidebottom (latter deceased), is a doctor and practices medicine near Hazard. Another grandson, William Ray (Billie) Greene is a veterinarian in California. These young men are both sons of R. N. and Gypsy Sidebottom Greene who, with their only daughter, Miss Betty Lou, reside on their home farm at Lusby.

The older folk of this family were members of the Christian Church at Keefer and were regular attendants there.

J. P. Sidebottom, who resides in Owenton, is now owner of the old homestead, however the house replaced an older residence destroyed by fire.

Hammon Family History

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(By Mrs. Woodrow Thompson, a great, great, great-granddaughter of Wm. Hammon and his wife Sarah)

William Hammon was born in 1728 and died in North Carolina in 1793. He and his wife, Sarah became the parents of several children, one of these being John Hammon, 1770, who married Polly in the county of Wilkes, N. C. They migrated to Owen county, Kentucky in 1795. They were parents of 22 children, some of them having been born in North Carolina and some in Kentucky. Among these children were O. C. Hammon, 1813, who became sheriff of Owen county. A brother of O. C. Hammon, (name unknown), became the father of Squire George H. Hammon (1823-1875), later wed to Margaret McGibney (1832-1929). They were parents of four children, a daughter dying in infancy. John, Bill and Horace all died in bachelorhood, so we find no descendants of this line of the family. "Aunt Marge", as she was known in the neighborhood, (husband had passed away, soon to be followed by her sons,) reared Perry Jones and James Prather in her home. She once owned practically all the land surrounding what is now Locust Grove Baptist church, formerly the Hammon schoolhouse. Aunt Marge was the one who gave the land for said school. She was owner of many slaves and the slave burying ground is located on the farm, now in possession of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Thompson. The writer is a distant cousin of Aunt Marge's husband.

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We find Robert, born 1794, another son of John and Polly Hammon. His wife was called Fanny. They became parents of William, 1818, whose wife was Jane and they had several children, one of them being William A. (1864-1943) who married Amanda Tupz, born 1868. The latter is still living and resides at the old Aunt Marge and Squire George homestead, although the home was destroyed by fire several years ago. William A., who was a carpenter by trade, built for himself and companion a modern bungalow there. Wm. A. along with his father, William, was at one time engaged in running the old Hammon mill located on Eagle Creek a few miles from Lusby's Mill; it had been formerly owned and operated by Squire George. To Wm. A. and Amanda six children were born which bring us down to the sixth generation. One of them, Ran, died when only five years of age and a daughter, Emma Hammon Hale, who passed away in young womanhood. Yet living are Willie J., Everett, Hallie Hammon True (who with her husband Chester, are owners of the Owenton Grocery Co.), and Edna Hammon Thompson.

In the next generation from this line we find nine living persons and the next, which would be the eight, there are 13 living, many of them still maintaining their homes in the Lusby voting precincts.

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Families and Early Settlers (cont.)

The Stamper Clan

(By Mrs. J. T. (Ada Blanche Stamper) Gilbert who left Lusby community as a bride in 1903, now located in Paducah, Ky. and Ft. Pierce, Fla.)

The specified of Lusby may correctly be referred to as the ancestral home of many of Owen county's first families, among them the Stampers, though most of the families of Owen are of pioneer heritage.

The surname, Stamper, is of primeval English origin. Tradition records that Ludy Janc, referred to as "Lady Stamp", chrastened the first Stamper heir—"when knighthood was in flower"—is a story woven around those times.

The first Stampers in America were registered among the first families of Virginia and Morth Carolina in the 1790-95 census. The descendants of Robert Stamper migrated south through Viginia and the Carolinas during the Revolutionary War and were among the thread-worn soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Cowpens, Jan. 7, 1781 under Brig. Gen. Daniel Morgan, against Lt. Col. Tarleton whom Lord Cornwallis sent out to represent the British. It was one of the final victories for the American force.

Jesse and Jonathan Stamper, brothers, were the successors of the Stampers of Lusby in Owen county.

Jonathan Stamper married a Miss McCormick of Cincinnati. Their son, Hugh, born 1819, was one of the Stampers who came home to stay. His first position was as clerk in the store of Daniel Cobb, one of Samuel Cobb's sons. He won the love and admiration of pretry Hannah Holbrook Cobb, the merchant's daughter. Her mother was a Mass Holbrook of that ancestral line. They were weld in 1847 when the bride was only fourteen. They prespected from the beginning and were soon owners and in command of the store. At their destits, among their calculae was a wast collection of notes.

Hugh and Honnah Stamper had nine children (all decessed except Sarah Alexander). Their descendants are many—Riley, Charles Morehead, Frankie, Berty, Harvis, Morehead, Frankie, Berty, Harvis, Morehead, Frankie, Borty, Harvis, Morehead, Frankie, Bor

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for interment January 17, 1948.

Lou May (1874-1906) married Silas M. Whitton in 1895. Their three children are Veral K., Stamper B. and Aline. Of Veral K. and J. D. Howard's children, Blanche, Marjorie and John Wilfred are living; Stamper B. and Pearl Shirley Whitton lost twin daughters in 1926, Phyllis Ann remaining; Aline and Ralph Souder, Cincinnati, wed in 1924, have a daughter, Juanita of the Air Lines cut of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Aura Belle married George W. Morris (1863-1908) and they had one daughter, Mildred, wed to Frank Evans Blackman. Aura Belle wed Bob H. White in 1914 and their two children are Aura B. and R. H. White.

Dr. Elbridge Gerry was wed in 1905 to Eunice McElhoney (deceased). Their only son was Dr. E. G. Stamper Jr. who wed Dorothy Sinclair in 1940. Dr. Stamper enlisted as a dentist in World War II and attained the rank of Captain. He married Lillian Carlson of Florida in 1945 and they live in Paducah, Ky.

Dr. Roscoe Conkling, who has the distinguished manners of the ancestral Stampers, was married in 1909 to Ethel Webb of Gary, Indiana. They have a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who wed Louis Frier in 1932. In 1916 Dr. Stamper married Della Winton of Ohio and they live in Los Angeles.

Ada Blanche married Dr. J. T. Gilbert of Paducah in 1908 and went there as a bride to live. The Gilbert name dates back to Gilbert the Great who died in 1167. The couple had one son, Dr. James Thomas Gilbert Jr. who was in the Army Medical Corps of World War II, attaining the rank of Major. His wife was Amanda Jane Kroeckel of Nashville, Tenn. and they have two sons, J. T. Gilbert III and Harry Spangler Gilbert.

Charlie Paul married Mae Osborn Sebastian. He and Elzie carry the Lusby Stamper banner. (It is recorded that Sir Walter Osborn was the first to bear that surname. He was playing a game of chess with King William the Conquerer who staked his lands and lost. He slapped Sir Walter on the back and said, "I christen you Sir Walter Osborn, the best man.") Charlie and Mae have two sons, Charles Edward and William Bernice. The former attained the rank of Major overseas in the late war and was wounded. He wed Wilma Chaney of Columbus, O. in 1946. William Bernice enlisted and attained rank of Top Sargeant. He was with Gen. Patton's forces in Germany where he was wounded.

Harry Stamper married Ida Brissey and had five children, Hattie, Samuel, May, Minnie and Ruby. His descendants live in Cincinnati with exception of Minnie and May who live in Florida.

Frankie wed Jesse Gross and had two sons, Jesse and Joseph Gross (deceased). She later wed Sandford Mason and had four children, Ida, Willie, Harry and Lindsay who live in Swope neighborhood. Ida married Charles Lucas.

Betty Stamper wed Merritt Martin and had six children, Attilla, Kate, Margaret, Jesse, Addie M. and Ben Martin. Kate wed William Reed of a pioneer family and had four children; Attilla wed Addie Tolbert and had one daughter, Madie Blanche; Margaret wed Edward Thornton and had a son, Florian (deceased) and a daughter, Eura; Jesse wed Eva Alexander and later married and moved to Dayton, O.; Addie M. wed William Berkley of Owen county. The Berkleys are of royal heritage from England. First to bear the surname was Sir William Berkley in the time of King William. Ben Martin (deceased) worked with The News-Herald at Owenton and had one daughter.

May married Riley Kinmon and had three children, Ross, Roy M. and Cora. Ross wed Allie Toole and had three children, Mabel (deceased) Hubert

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and Myra. Cora wed Ernest Souder and has a daughter, Mabel. Roy M. was wed to Pearl Tolbert and they had a daughter, Corinne who lives in Owen.

Bush wed Sister Cobb and had four children, Manless, Mary, Addie and Porter Stamper of Cincinnati.

Sarah married Alfred C. Alexander, an old historical family of Owen, and had nine children, Effie, Hettie, Calvert, Hugh, Alfred C., Goebel, May, Ernest and Lurah. Effie wed Thomas Sebree; Hettie wed Fred Stamper and had a son, Kenneth, killed on Nov. 10, 1944 with Patton's Army; Lurah wed Earl Holbrook and has a son, Charles; May is married and resides in Cincinnati; Calvert lives with his mother at the Alexander home; Hugh and Ernest are both married with families and Goebel and Alfred C. are deceased.

Samuel wed Allie Martin and had three children, Lula, Robert and Bessie. Lula wed Jesse Ingram and had a daughter, Phyllis, now Mrs. E. H. Harvey. The latter had two children, Lois Jane and J. O.; Robert wed Virgie Mason and has a daughter, Ruby of Dillsboro, Ind.; Bessie wed Oren Ransdell and they have an adopted daughter, Marie.

There are many Stampers of the Jesse Stamper line: W. W. wed Birdie Taylor Vories and had three children, Lula, Ruth and Willoughby Stamper. Lula Wed C. P. Scudder; Ruth married William Swope and Willoughby is married and lives in Washington, Ind. Lt. David Warren, son of Howard and Verna Stamper, was killed in Florida during the late war while serving with the Air Corps. A \$50,000 memorial library and other donations were given by his family who reside at Moberly, Missouri. Kate Stamper, an aunt, also made a big contribution. Margaret Richardson Stamper was crowned the most outstanding mother of Missouri in 1947. They are descendants of Finis and Margaret Stamper and of the Daniel Cobbs of Owen county, all from the historical town of Lusby.

Among the Stamper family are many college graduates, officials, lawyers, merchants, doctors, ministers, bankers and promoters, all proud to be of Owen county, and of Lusby Mill community.

The Taylors From Lusby

(By Mrs. J. W. Smither, a great-granddaughter of Benjamin F. Taylor.)

Benjamin F. Taylor and his wife, Charlotte Mings Taylor, were natives of Madison County, Kentucky and they reared their family of five children there. They were, namely: Smith, Tarleton, James, Mary Jane and Rebecca.

Smith came to Owen County in young manhood and purchased land around forks of Mussel Shoals, Breck and Lusby Mill road. He married Amanda C. Abbott of New Columbus. Four sons were born to this union: John H. who married Nannie Smith; Ben F. who was wed to Allie Cobb; Dr. Asa Porter married to Allie J. Holbrook, the doctor practicing for a while in Owen but soon going to Lexington to follow his profession; French Abbott married Lucy Holbrook and they became parents of four daughters and two sons. One of them, John Will, became a doctor and practiced for years at Beechwood. He is now following his chosen profession at Stamping Ground, Ky. Wives of these four sons were all Lusby's Mill precinct girls.

A grandson of French Taylor, Anthony (Bod) Smither, owns and lives on the same farm which his great-grandfather Smith Taylor purchased many years ago. Wayne Cooper and Lucy Taylor, children of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Smither, are of the fifth generation to live on this same farm.

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History Of The Cobbs
From Early Days

(Elder residents of the large family of Owen County Cobbs submitted the information for this article.)

To South Carolina to Owen county, Ke, in the year 1795 where they reared their six suite having been massacred by the Indians in one of the Carolinas, According to the family records, Samuel Cobb fought in the Revolutionary war in the 3rd South Carolina Regiment commanded by Col. Wm. Thompson. Samuel Cobb was quite a prominent man in that day, being one of the first magistrates at the formation of Owen county when the courthouse was at Hesler. His sons were John, William, Duniel, Elisha and Asa. Five of the oldest were present at the planting of Mussel Shoals Baptist church in October, 1817. About this time, Thomas moved to Indiana and John to the state of Jown. William was the Cobbook, "Lafty Leman." The next brother, Daniel, married Betsy Holbrook, and and of Judge Jesse Holbrook. Their sons were Elisha, Elisha and William. One daughter married Hiram Stamper of Missouri and the other, Hannah, married Hugh Stamper of Owen, a merchant at Lusby's Mill for a number of years.

Elisha was a famous Baptist preacher. His first wife was Hettle Roach and to them were born five children, Fielding, grandfather of three preachers: Fielding (a Methodist), and Edgar and Eugene Morgan (Baptists) and also forcien missionaries. The second son, William (Uncel Tim), was one of the most godly men of his day, a true and faithful minister of the gaspel. Eliza married Martin Holbrook and became the mother of Rev. Henry Holbrook, Baptist minister, Martha married Simon Williams and Lucian remained unmarried.

Elisha Cobb wed the second time to Mrs. Bryan, grand-stepmother of the noted William Jennings Bryan.

Asa Cobb (1979-1852), the youngest, married Miss Annie O'Banion (198-1877) and was the father of John, Joel, Cyrus a

History Of The Holbrooks

The Holbrook family is an old and prominent family of Lusby vicinity; their ancestors can be traced from North Carolina. Ralph Holbrook (1740-1808), whose wife was called Jane, reared at least four sons whose names were Zachariah, 1770; John Sr., 1763; William, 1762, and Halph Jr., 1765. Of these four sons it is known that Zachariah migrated to Kentucky and, with his wife, established a farm home on Eagle Creek at Lusby now owned by R. N. Greene. They will be the control of the control

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ton, for many years an efficient telephone operator there as well as a dealer in antiques.

Eather Halbrook (1837-1924) was wed to William Preston Holbrook (1834-1888) in the year 1253 and they became parents of aix children Alke, born 1854, died at the hear of the period of the hear of the period of the hear of the period of the hear of hear of the hear of hear of the hear of hear of the hear of t

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Roland Family In Review

(By Churchal Roland Works)

The Roland family of English descent is believed to have come to Owen county, Kentucky from Virginia and settled near the village of Lusby's Mill in the vicinity of Fortner Ridge. The majority supposedly engaged in farming for a livelihood and in political affiliation they were Democrats, characteristic of most Owen countians.

Beginning with John Roland, of which the writer can find very little record as to date of marriage, death, or members of his immediate family, a few of his great-grandchildren remember being told that he was known as "Granddaddy" Roland, not only by the family but by friends as well, and that he lived to be 104 years old.

Roan Roland, a son of John, was united in marriage to Mary Ann Skirvin and to this union were born nine children: N. R. (Neat), Enoch, John, Dave, Dan, Rebecca, Mollie, Martha and Ida. All are deceased except the youngest member, Ida Roland Cook, now residing near Corinth and included among the octogenarians. John, now long deceased, left a namesake, J. C. Roland, a nephew living on the old Sweet Owen road near Owenton. Roan Roland and family are the only descendants remaining in the said Fortner vicinity, named for his grandfather. The old family burying ground is a beautiful level spot located on a ridge above the home, once a double log cabin, and contains only a few of the earliest members, two of them being the John and Roan Roland mentioned here.

R. N. (Neat) Roland (1841-1916), oldest son of the above Roan Roland, was wed to America Gamble (1843-1931) and to this union were born eleven children, nine of whom survive. All were born and reared near the community of Lusby and Fortner Ridge on the farm now owned by Florian Perkins. The original homestead, which was mostly constructed of logs, was destroyed by fire in 1918 but was immediately rebuilt. Majority of the descendants of the said John Roland, (being first we have any record of) through the R. N. (Neat) Roland generation, held membership with the Mt. Hebron Baptist church. Few remain but others have taken memberships elsewhere after leaving the vicinity. Due to living "below" the Fortner one-room school house, members of the family naturally attended school there, near the site of the present school building and now used as a dwelling. The family came to Lusby's Mill for mail, groceries, doctor's service, etc. If R. N. (Neat) Roland were living today, he could create an atmosphere of mystery and horror in telling of his experiences in the Civil War in which he was a soldier during three difficult years (1862-'65).

This leads to the fourth generation with 38 out of 41 surviving. One of the deceased, Obie Roland, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Roland, and grandson of N. R. (Neat) Roland, gave his life for his country in World War I. There are in the family, to the writer's knowledge, two school teachers and a county clerk, Kepple Roland, now serving in that capacity in Owen.

In the next generation, the fifth, there are about 65 survivors. This one contains an airline stewardess and several who served in World War II, namely, Overton Giles, Freeman Howard "Bud" Giles and Fred Black, grandsons of Mrs. Mary Bell Roland Howard. The last named was held prisoner in the war and was reported missing for some time. James Plunkett, son of Mrs. Alta Roland Plunkett, was wounded in action. A boy by the name of DeVore, grandson of Mrs. Euphema Roland Souder, lost his life while serving on foreign soil. There are perhaps many others who served in this conflict without the writer's knowledge.

In the sixth generation there are approximately 25, ranging from infants to teen-agers. The Roland family is scattered into four different states, Ohio, Michigan, California and Kentucky.

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Smith Family History
Centers Around Breck

(By Mrs. Orville Jones, a great, great-granddaughter of one Capt. John Smith)

An excapitive by an anne of Gapt. John Smith came from Virginia to Kentucky and was wed to he name of Gapt. John Smith of the Capt. John Smith came from Virginia to Kentucky and was wed to Elizabeth McKinecy, of either Scott or Owen county, not definitely known to Elizabeth McKinecy, of either Scott or Owen county, not definitely known to Elizabeth McKinecy, of either Scott or Owen county, not definitely known to Elizabeth McKinecy, of either Scott or Owen county, not definitely known as Smithville (it being one building which contained groceries and general supplies and also served as postoffice.) It was near what later became known as Breck. This couple became parents of five children, the youngest, Elisha Wilkerson Smith (1812-1834) who married Nancy Jackson (1811-1875) in the year 1832. Three sons and four daughters were born to the latter: John Marine (1828-1832) who remained a bacheler until death; wildwood in a few years, remaining so until death, Many years later, although childless herself, she reared or partially reared several orphaned nieces and nephews. Lucimad 1837-1990, was wed to Rev. John W. Waldrop in the year 1857 and to this union was born one child, Billy, Simon (Dick) Andrew (1839-1995), in 1884 married Beatrice Clark (1844-1818), a daughter of Dr. Wm. Clark of Greenap. They reared a family of 8 at Breck, namely: Molly Kate Smith Collider (1839-1824), Mellinda Elder Smith Coments (1868-1894), John William Collider (1839-1824), Mellinda Elder Smith Coments (1869-1894), John William Collider (1839-1894), Mellinda Elder Smith Souder (1830-1833), and Ralph, born 1812, still living in Frankfort, Ky.

Cearge W. (1841-1897) married a Miss Sue Moore of Scott county in the year 1876. They had no children, but established their home soon after marriage at Duvall's Station in Scott. They were both active members of Great Crossing Baplist church

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by Melinda Ellen Smith Dovis and her husband, John H., is still standing, now in possession of a Mr. Parker. The cit S. A. (Diek) Smith property was destroyed by fire several years ago whle owned by Mr. and Mrs. Wiltred O'Banton. It has been replaced by a modern bungalow; however, many of the surroundings are still the same. The place is now owned by P. J. Starms and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Cook and son.

This family has always been active in church work at Mussel Shoals Baptist, holding memberships there down through the years. At the present there are xix of the family affiliated with the church. Many have moved their memberships when they left Breek community, Chuckenlaly, The Rees Hell and the present date.

The Smith family has scattered into six different states, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, California, Florida and Kentueke, Only five families are now in Owen county, three of them in Owenton and two in Lusby voting precinct which has always been the voting place for those of Breek vicinity.

The final resting place of most of the older members of the family is at Breek in the family burial ground in the rear of the residence of Elmer Wainscott.

The Howard Clan

(By Mrs. H. E. Calson, a granddaughter of John and Mary Arm Howard Lingeriteler)

James Greenby Howere, Rower, (1812), wed Rebecto Jane Taylor, (Oct. 12, 1619), in Creavy, 1837 rear Richmond in Madison county. Both these young people were reard near hittle Bethel and came the yeas of their marriage to Canby in Owen county. They bought 100 acres from Charlle DuPont for 200. Howard alter vent to Madison county and werked for a slave owner Jimmie Simms. He was bess of 20 slaves, losing only one-half day's work in two years. For the two years' work he received 200 and provisions for himself and wife. With this he paid for the land purchased in Owen and in the first of the county of the Howard family. The next two children born to this pioneer couple were Squire Greenberry, (19ce. 1841) and Milliam Barieson (Nov.)

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Mamic His married life was spent in Grant and he was buried at Keefer. William Bertleson normed Sarah Robison in 1807 and had five children: Spanks, had two children, May and Duke. He is also buried at Keefer.

John Waren wed Ceila Cosh, 1876, and they had eleven children, two dying at birth. The others ware Eva, Charlie, Pearl, Warren, Carrie, Lewis, Heber, Roymond and Smither. They lived in Grant but moved back to Canby where he died at the age of 77 and is buried at Corinth. Amanda married Sim Whitton and had one child, a duaghter. The mother died when it was two weeks old and the child, given to her mother, lived about a year. Both are interred on the farm.

Robert T. married Sarah Hammond, 1874, and they were parents of cleven children: Wolter, Maggie, Bunie, Zelbra, Gabe, Tom, Gusta, Toy, Billy and two unnamed who died at birth. After the mother's death he wed Sarah Smith Willer, Mabel, Woodrow, Bulord, Arthur and Ruby. A few years ago the last wife died at the age of 90 and he passed away in April, 1945 at the age of 92 after spending his entire life in sight of his birth place. He is buried in Owenton cemetery and left about 190 descendants, 31 of them having served in World Wars I and It. Two were killed in the late war, one leaving a "gold-star" baby, Atoha Lea Wills. Her father was John M. (Jack) Wills, radio electrician on the United Start of the Children were grown and then moved to Norwood. O. He died at 72 and is buried at Pleasant Ridge, O. His widow lives at Norwood.

Josephine wed Kelly Simpson, 1879. They had one child, Alda, later separating, and she married Wesley Wilson. Two children, Lou and Dorothy, were born to them. She died in Grant county at

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rode to Madison county to visit relatives. Two or three days were required for a one-way trip. If a couple wanted to get married and the old folk objected, they rode all night to another state.

James G. was a good carpenter, made looms, wheels, reels, winding blades, tables, chairs and cupboards. The writer has a cupboard he made 85 years ago and a wooden lock 100 years old.

The first schoolhouse at Canby was built of logs and logs were used for seats. This was on the Wilburn Holbrook place, now owned by Raymond Wilson. The school was rebuilt three times but always known as the Holbrook school. Five generations of the Howard family attended this school: Mary Ann Howard, Laura Link, Mollie Wainscott, Vera Lee Simpson and Faye Souder. The latter was a pupil in 1936, the last school taught before it was moved to Lusby Consolidated.

Many descendants of this family were affiliated with the Church of Christ, a log building at Beech Branch on Three Forks creek. It was later moved to Keefer and most of the children were members there.

James G. was also a true Democrat, as were his children.

(The foregoing family genealogies and facts are by no means all which could have been written concerning the good people who have lived at Lusby's Mill and community. These are among the largest and first families to establish homes there, most of them with descendants remaining to the present. Editors.)

Lebus Johnson Dies In Service

We learn from the following article that Lt. Col. Lebus Johnson spent three of his High school years at Lusby's Mill but, in that time, he endeared himself to the hearts of his fellow schoolmates and Lusby folk in general until we feel we may certainly claim him as one of our own. The article appeared in the "Boys In Service" column of The News-Herald on May 8, 1947 after the death of Lebus, the only service son from Lusby to lose his life in the late World War.

By C. H. Bourne

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LEBUS JOHNSON

Death deeply shocked and saddened Owenton and Owen county Wednesday week when the local Red Cross received a telegram reporting the passing of Lt. Col. Lebus Johnson early that morning at Brooks General hospital, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, where he had undergone treatment the past four months. Col. Johnson had planned to spend Mother's Day at home with his family, but this happy occasion was not to be. Born 37 years ago at Greenup, where he joined the Baptist church and maintained a membership throughout his life, he attended school at Lusby's Mill, graduated from Owenton High in 1929, and received a B.S. degree in metallurgical engincering at U.K., Lexington, in '38. Although he could have remained a civilian because of a physical ailment, he answered his country's call 3-8-42 and was sent across the following September as a lieutenant of an ordnance unit. For over two years, during which time he didn't see an Owen countian, he was stationed in England, commanding an Army post and rising to the rank of major. He was then transferred to France, where he narrowly escaped death when a building was blown down on him during a Nazi breakthrough. Promotion

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came again and Lt. Col. Johnson was named chief of the ammunition and supply division in the ETO, involving Germany, France, Belgium, Holland, Italy and Austria. As such he had charge of all the military stores of that nature on the Continent, and was entrusted with everything pertaining thereto. In addition to his burdensome duties and never-ending travels and conferences, were many brushes with death and the necessity of living months on end minus any comforts or conveniences. Even after the end of hostilities, he was saddled with the tremendous task of making some disposition of the huge stores of U. S. and captured munitions. Under his direction, plans of others to dump the ammo in the sea, thereby losing millions of dollars, were changed. Machines were invented, designed and manufactured and the ammunition was turned into plastics, fertilizers, etc. This program alone netted the Allies \$300,000,000. For his outstanding service this brilliant officer was decorated with two U. S. Bronze Star medals and the Army Commendation ribbon, the Chevalier degree of the French Legion of Honor and the French Silver Star—the latter two for "meritorious service to the French Government." Following 50 long months of overseas service, far more than served by any other countian, Col. Johnson returned to the States 12-13-46. He reported to Texas to complete some work, spent Christmas at home for the first time in five years and then entered the hospital which he was to leave only in death. His sudden passing was caused by an acute heart condition, secondary to a condition from which he had suffered since childhood. The body was met at Sparta Saturday morning by sorrowing relatives and friends, and rested in the home here until Sunday afternoon. At that time services to his memory were held in the Baptist church by Rev. Paul Turner, his pastor, Rev. C. D. Boozer of Martin, Tenn., a former pastor, and Rev. H. L. Green. The church was filled to overflowing and numerous floral tributes flanked the flag-bedecked casket. Members of his OHS class were pallbearers, and interment followed in the local I.O.O.F. cemetery. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Maggie Johnson, and two sisters, Mrs. Marvin Ransdell, Prestonsburg, and Mrs. A. W. "Bod" Smither of Lusby's Mill. A friend said of Lebus, "You could just see the goodness in his face." Lebus Cooper Johnson loved his family, and was unusually thoughtful of them. He was faithful to his church and friends, and possessed a remarkable character. Certainly he was one of the most conscientious citizens of this county, and he gave his life for his country just as surely as if he had died in the field of battle.



God gives us homes, dear country homes,
Amidst the ever-changing world,
A bulwark in a time of storm
A rest from life's mad whirl.
A home where little children play,
A place for laughter and for tears;
A place that's wrapped around the heart,
A beacon light throughout the years.
—Rena Lusby Yancey

Lusby's Mill Poet Speaks

AN OLD COVERED BRIDGE

Ofttimes memory carries me back to the past
To the scenes of the long, long ago,
And my thoughts often turn to an old
covered bridge

That in school days just beckoned me so; How well I remember the games that we played

They are fresh in my memory still,
The hours that we spent and the fun that
we had

In the bridge down at old Lusby's Mill. If it happens that you should be one of the boys

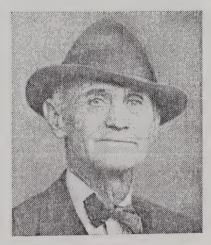
That has played in this bridge long ago These lines will remind you of some of the joys,

That we only in school days can know.

Just below the old bridge was the boys'
swimming pool

At the dam by the old water mill,
And we'd stop there and swim when we came
home at night

In old Eagle that's flowing there still.



PERRY C. JONES

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But the old bridge is gone; we shall see it no more,
So's the dam and the old water mill
As are many dear playmates we met with each day
At the schoolhouse on top of the hill.
And I trust all the girls whose initials we cut
Are as carefree and happy as then,
And tho' we are scattered and drifted apart
I'm hoping we'll all meet again.
So, dear reader, remember while tracing these lines
Just hastily written today,
That memories of school days may sometimes grow dim
But they never in life fade away.

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Old Eagle Creek, my boyhood friend, thou playmate of my youthful days Once more I sit upon thy banks and tread thy shady winding ways. So near by shores it chanced to be, I first beheld the light of day The years have come and swiftly flown and yet along thy banks I stay. Once more a careless barefoot boy with pole and line and can of bait I sit beside the "old blue rock" and for a bite serenely wait. I watch the "wavelets" as they race across thy sunkist silvery breast Once more a boy I wonder why they never stop to take a rest. Once more I hear the kildee call as he patrols thy shady banks Once more a boy I wonder why he does not wash his muddy shanks. I watch the willows as they wave along thy banks so dark and cool, And in the distance I can see a well remembered swimming pool. I think of those who long ago sat by my side in boyish glee And watched the restless surging tide turning onward to the sea. I think of those who were my pals and wonder where they are today In fancy I can hear a voice that answers back from far away. It tells me some who played with me along thy banks in days of yore, Have said goodbye and gone away to rest upon a fairer shore. And when at last I've said goodbye, no more to tread these hallowed ways, I trust that others strolling here will take my place to sing thy praise. -P. C. Jones

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MEMORIES

Very well do I remember when I was only a little lad,
That "Boy" Sidebottom was sheriff, and best Owen County ever had.
He didn't pocket any money. Was faithful to the end
Had a kind word for everyone. And was a poor man's friend.
Mr. Cobb from Lusby is magistrate, You all know him as "Turk".
Marvin Ransdell is now a doctor, Buford Mason is Circuit Clerk.
Gip Prather went to the pulpit, Holly Alexander studied law.
Jack Hale went to County Court to buy himself a saw.

The oldest set has passed away and gave to God their souls
And are waiting resurrection on the hills of Mussel Shoals
A headstone marks their resting place, as they sleep beneath the sod,
And we hope to meet them all again in Heaven alone with God.
The old water mill has been removed and really it does seem mean,
To replace this quaint old relic with one run by gasoline.
The still-house has been voted out which made the Bourbon fine,
It all has been replaced by bootleggers selling moonshine,
The old church house stands no more in the center of the town,
The younger people didn't like it so they tore it down,
Then they built another; everything in it was new
And we wonder if they changed their pastor and found one just as true.

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There has been a change in general all around and in the town,
Many a well known building lately has been torn down
The old mill dam still exists, what hasn't washed away,
But it no longer is of benefit to people of the present day.
The weeping willows perhaps still stand along old Eagle's banks,
Flowers still bloom and birds still sing, for which we owe our thanks.
People no longer go to church on horseback but ride in a limousine,
Their calico and gingham are laid aside for silk and crepe-de-chine.
The old wooden bridge still remains and people use it yet,
It will be removed in years to come and a nicer one they'll get.

The World War brought many a change and Many gave a helping hand And some of Lusby's noblest men were left in No Man's Land, They will always be remembered; Never will their memory fade As we think of them day by day; Even in the grave they're laid. And I know there were others; While helping "Uncle Sam" That longed to be back fishing; Below the old mill-dam. We wonder what will be in years; That we ourselves can see For many changes perhaps will come; In the next half century. The world is getting better; At least that's what they say But we doubt if it is better; Than it was in our young days.

Many of my old school chums; Still live around the Mill
They never moved away; And maybe they never will.
I myself have strayed away; But have often wished to be back.
Once more would like to go to mill with some shelled corn in a sack.
If I could hear Henry Holbrook preach; as I have in days gone by.
I believe I would be satisfied; And willing almost to die
There are many other things around there, which I always did enjoy.
And I only wish once more; That I was yet a boy.
Some day I hope to go back, it will fill my heart with a thrill.
As I want to spend my last few years not far from Lusby's Mill.

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THE C. T. GAINES STORE AT LUSBY'S MILL

Village Stores And Keepers

(By Mrs. Orville Jones)

In the years 1885-95, perhaps even earlier than this, Bill Denny kept a drug store at Lusby, the old store standing where Denzil Works' home is now located.

For many years there have been one or more general stores at Lusby's Mill. In olden days folks walked or rode horseback for miles to exchange a pound of butter or a few dozen eggs for some staple groceries, such as sugar, coffee or flour.

In the year 1850 Mose Stewart established a store of this type at Lusby, it probably being the first one. In the year 1852 John Holbrook and his son, Jesse, built a new store building and established themselves as merchants; after a few months they also purchased Mr. Stewart's stock and moved it to their new building.

After the Holbrooks, came Hughey Stamper as Lusby's merchant, followed by Daniel Cobb and his son, William, in 1880-84. After this Willie Sidebottom and Jess Alexander were both engaged in village storekeeping.

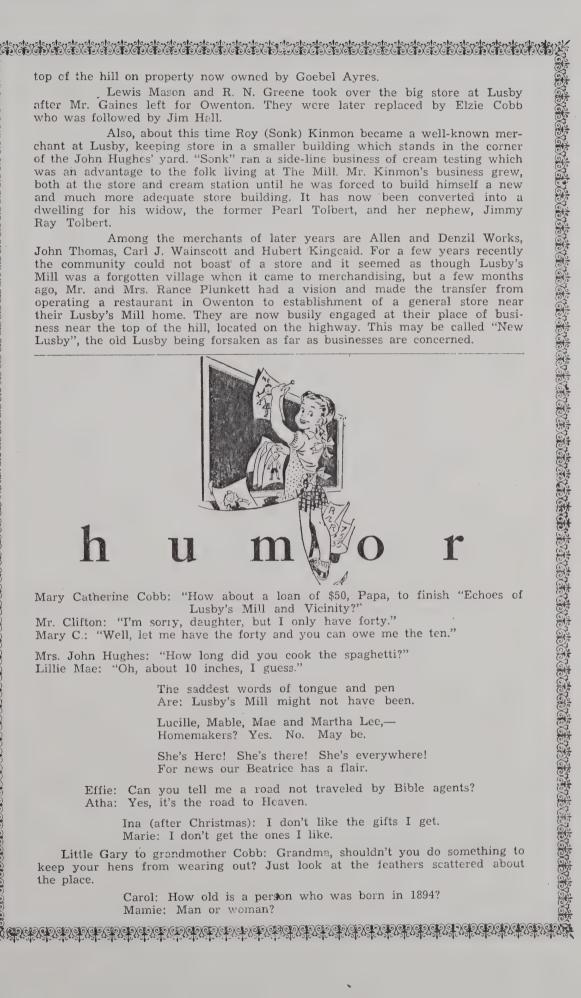
About 1890 Ab Acree became Lusby's popular merchant, to be replaced several years later by his son-in-law, Charlie Gaines. Gaines was merchant at the time the accompanying picture was taken which shows a gathering of the community folk to see who had won a sack of flour presented by Mr. Gaines to the person coming closest in guessing the number of grains of corn devoured by a rooster in an allotted time. Walter Clifton was the winner. We see from the large number pictured that gatherings of this kind afforded popular amusement and perhaps the only amusement for some folk of the community during this period. Later on Mr. Gaines entered a broader field, leaving Lusby for Owenton where he operated the Ford Automobile Agency and became equally as popular in his garage business as he had been in merchandising.

Those above mentioned kept their stores in Lusby's Mill proper, but the writer also recalls a little store owned and operated by Joe Gross at the

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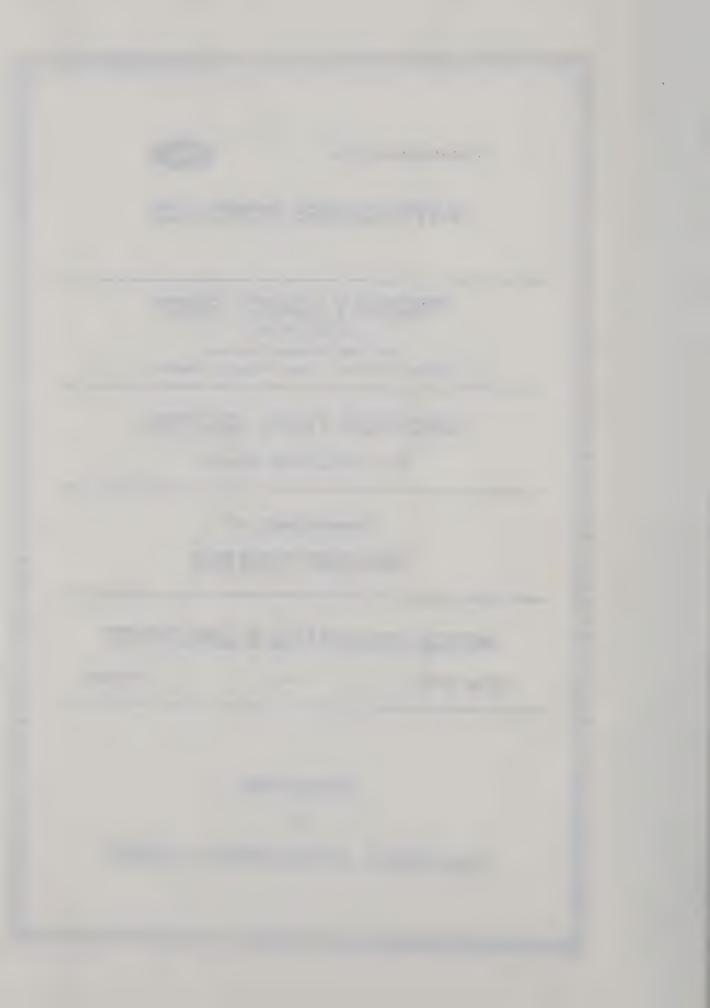
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